

### REMARKS

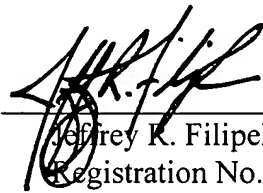
The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to incorporate the changes made in the International application under Article 34.

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-36 have been canceled and claims 37-72 have been added.

Also, minor editorial amendments have been made to the Abstract. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

Akihito YAMASAKI et al.

By   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey K. Filipek  
Registration No. 41,471  
Attorney for Applicants

JRF/fs  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021  
Telephone (202) 721-8200  
Facsimile (202) 721-8250  
January 7, 2005